And burst of speaking[6], were as his : I am absolute, 'Twas very Cloten.

ARV. In this place we left them:
I wish my brother make good time with him, You say he is so fell.

BEL. Being scarce made up, I mean, to man, he had not apprehension Of roaring terrors ; for defect of judgment Is oft the cure of fear[7]: But see, thy brother.

[6] —the snatches in his voice,
And burst of speaking.] This is one of our author's strokes of observation. An abrupt and tumultuous utterance very frequently accompanies a confused and cloudy understanding.
JOHNSON.

7 — for THE EFFECT of judgment
Is oft the CAUSE of fear :] [Old copy—defect of judgement—] If I understand this passage, it is mock reasoning as it stands, and the text must have been slightly corrupted. Belarius is giving a. description of what Cloten formerly was ; and in answer to what Arviragus says of *his being so fell.* " Ay, (says Belarius) he was so fell; and being scarce then at man's estate, he had no apprehension of roaring terrors, i. e. of any thing that could check him with fears." But then, how does the inference come in, built upon this ? *[6] For *defect of judgment* is oft the cause of fear." I think the poet meant to have said the mere contrary. Cloten wan defective in judgment, and therefore did not fear. Apprehensions of fear grow from a judgment in weighing dangers. And a very easy change, from the traces of the letters, gives us this sense, and reconciles the reasoning of the whole passage;

ft------f$_{or}$ *tft effect* of judgment
" Is oft the cause of fear ."
THEOBALD.

Sir T. Hanmer reads with equal justness of sentiment;

"------f$_{or}$ defect of judgment
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" Is oft the *cure* of fear."

But, I think, the play of *effect md cause* more resembling the manner of our author. JOHNSON.

It fear, as in other passages of Shakspeare, be understood in an active signification for what may cause fear, it means that Cloten's defect of judgment caused him to commit actions to the terror of others, without due consideration of his own danger therein. Thus,, in King Henry IV. Part II.;